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STEERING DEVICE  
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**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Prior to examination of this national phase application, please enter the following additional amendments.

**In the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

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Page 4, line 17 to page 13, line 12: Please replace the description starting with 'DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION' and ending on page 13, line 12 with the following amended description:

**DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION**

Energy absorbing type steering devices according to the present invention are characterized in that an inner shaft member is press-fitted into an outer cylindrical member, the inner shaft member having a circular cross-sectional outer shape and the outer cylindrical member having a circular cross-sectional inner shape that is larger in diameter than the inner shaft member; and, a plurality of [fine] wire members is disposed between the circular cross-sectional outer shape and the